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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: ITEM 10 (RESTRUCTURING)

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1. REGARDING PROPOSAL (PARA 10 REFTTEL) TO OPERATE
SESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS OPEN TO ALL
UN MEMBER STATES, DEPT NEEDS TO KNOW IF INTENT IS THAT
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH
OPERATIVE EFFECT OR IF DECISIONS WOULD BE SIMPLY
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC PROPER. IF DECISIONS OF
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ARE ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC
PROPER AND DO NOT HAVE OPERATIVE EFFECT UNTIL APPROVED
BY ECOSOC, DEPT INCLINED TO BELIEVE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT
VIOLATE CHARTER, WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER SESSIONAL
COMMITTEE MAKES ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON BASIS OF CONSENSUS
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OR VOTING. ON OTHER HAND, IF IT IS INTENTION THAT
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WILL MAKE DECISIONS WHICH HAVE OPERA-
TIVE EFFECT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ECOSOC PROPER, THEN DEPT
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE PROPOSAL WOULD CONFLICT WITH UN
CHARTER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER DECISIONS ARE MADE BY VOTE
OR CONSENSUS.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE VIEW THAT CREATION OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO ECOSOC ON BASIS OF EITHER VOTE OR CONSENSUS WOULD NOT VIOLATE UN CHARTER, WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS THAT SUCH AN APPROACH COULD BE RELIED UPON OVER THE SHORT AS WELL AS LONG TERM. GIVEN LIKELIHOOD THAT CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WILL ARISE (I.E., ASSISTANCE TO PLO OR OTHER NLM'S), WE WONDER WHETHER THE NECESSARY GOODWILL WOULD PREVAIL OR WHETHER INSTEAD PRESSURES WOULD RAPIDLY BUILD TO DISCARD CONSENSUS PROCEDURE AND REVERT TO RECORDED VOTING ON SUCH ISSUES, THUS RAISING QUESTION OF NON-MEMBERS RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER THE CHARTER AND ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE.

3. PRECEDING COMMENTS ARE PRELIMINARY. DEPT REQUESTS CLARIFICATION WHETHER DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL OR RECOMMENDATORY AND WHETHER IT WILL BE SO STIPULATED IN ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE BEFORE TAKING FINAL POSITION. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE VIEWS OF OTHER WEO'S AND OTHER STATES ON THIS QUESTION, AS WELL AS ON PRO-POSAL PARA 10 IN GENERAL. CHRISTOPHER

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